



Travis County Community Supervision & Corrections Department Char

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Absconder Unit Fact Sheet

What is an Absconder?

- An absconder is someone on court-ordered community supervision (probation) who has failed to report to their probation officer and is no longer in contact with the probation department or the court.

What does an Absconder Unit do?

- The Travis County Adult Probation Department created an Absconder Unit in February 2005 to focus efforts on locating probationers who have absconded from community supervision.
- The Absconder Unit works closely with various law enforcement agencies to locate and apprehend absconders.
- The Absconder Unit also uses the internet and specialized search programs and data bases to locate these persons.

What happens when an Absconder is found?

- The Absconder Unit contacts the appropriate law enforcement agency and provides information that may assist in apprehending the absconder.
- In other situations, the Absconder Unit may work with the absconder to satisfy outstanding conditions of probation, including restitution payments for victims.

What are some of the Absconder Unit's Accomplishments?

- Reduced the number of active absconder cases from 8300 to 3052, a decrease of 63.1%;
- Assisted in the apprehension and subsequent probation revocation of absconders;
- Assisted the Courts with finding alternative dispositions for other absconder cases.

Where Can I Find More Information?

- Visit our website at www.co.travis.tx.us/AdultProbation or contact us at 512-854-3531 (Absconder Unit Direct Line).